**SWAMSbug Meeting Notes 4-28-11**

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**Student Response System:**

* If multiple sets are installed on a computer (such as both PE and LE) go to Set-Up Tools to switch between LE & PE. However, you must log out of Notebook completely before switching
* Many districts are facing similar issues with clickers not responding - best advice is to reinstall drivers and Notebook (along with Student Response System software from web not CDs)
* You can pair the LE (not sure what that means but it was a hot topic)
* We played with the XE sets - these are awesome and would be great for 5th grade (students can text and give higher order thinking answers)
* Teachers will need to learn how to fix a SMART Exchange download if it's set-up in the assessment mode. This is easy and I can show teachers as needed. The downside of downloading a file in the assessment mode is that all the questions come up at once and students can scroll down without knowing the questions. We want teaching using the individual question settings so students only have the current question on their clickers at any time.

**Student Response System Best Practices:**

* Pose a question and then group students by answers to the question
* Group students based on questions results
* Use 1 responder per group – forcing students to discuss and come to an agreement
* First group to enter correctly with the right answer wins
* Teachers are encouraged to use the transparency mode more with clickers
* Other resources to use with clickers; Study Island and Qwizdom
* Listen to something (speech or song) and then answer questions (great for auditory skills)

**iPads in the Classroom:**

* New and Popular Apps
  + Doceri
  + ShowMe (screen casting)
  + Bridget use with Notebook (Duluth is currently using this model)
  + Districts are wanting an App to interact with Smartboard in real time as they walk around the classroom
* Notebook Express: View, save and interact with SMART Notebook files anywhere

**Hot Websites and Resources:**

**KerPoof**  http://www.kerpoof.com

* Kids gain coins as they complete tasks, no user name required, can set up student accounts, use as a story starter, save work as jpg
* This would be great for K and 1st grade especially – I will email them the website and features

**Glogster for Education** www.glogster.com/edu

* This is different than regular Glogster
* I think it would be really interesting to do Science Notebooks in GlogsterEdu

**School Tube** www.schooltube.com

* Teachers can create their own channels – great alternative to uploading videos to Youtube
* This is something we should play with as parents might feel better on School Tube vs. Youtube

**Prezi’s Educaiton Exchange** http://edu.prezi.com

* Pre-made Prezi presentations for education

**Blogger:**

* I updated my blog this weekend. Check it out when you have time. Here's what I changed:
  + Added tabs on top
  + Personalized and interactive games, word searches and puzzles using http://www.proprofs.com/games/jigsaw/create
  + Found a way to add documents that is super easy, does not require parents to login to another service and allows them to print straight from my blog (after they've downloaded what they want)
  + Document Resource: https://www.box.net/signup/lite (I am using the free version)
* I am willing to do a 1 or 2 morning training if any teachers are interested in launching Blogger before summer or if I am back in the fall would also be willing to do something
* Top 10 Widgets for Class Blog http://burcuakyol.com/2009/11/top-10-widgets-for-your-class-blog